

John 14: 1

Topic: a) Believe Jesus will take care of you.

a) There is a terrible snow storm. The wind is blowing. The snow is coming down so hard that the sky looks as white as the ground. It is dark, cold, snowy and frozen. In the middle of this storm is a house. Inside the house is a boy sitting in front of a fireplace, wrapped up in a warm blanket and drinking hot chocolate. Outside it is like a frozen hurricane but the boy isn't worried.

- Why isn't the boy worried about the storm? (Because he's inside the house)

a) There is a girl riding in an airplane. The plane is five thousand feet up in the air. Outside of the plane the temperature is way below zero. It is snowing and thundering and lightning all at the same time. The girl is sitting in her seat in the plane reading a book. She can hear the thunder and see the lightning out the window but she isn't worried.

- Why isn't she worried? (Because she's inside the plane)
- If you believe in Jesus then you are in Jesus.
- You are surrounded by His goodness and love.
- "Let not your heart be troubled"

John 14: 2-3

Topic: a) What do we have to look forward to?

a) Randy was really looking forward to Saturday. Saturday was Christmas and it was his birthday and it was his friends birthday. Not only was he going to get Christmas gifts but he was going to get birthday gifts from his friends and family. Not only was he going to be able to have his own birthday party but he was going to his friends party too. Not only that but for a birthday present his parents were going to take him for a weekend stay at a hotel that had an indoor water park. Not only that but they were going to go out for breakfast at a restaurant that had the best pancakes in the world. Not only that but when they got home his uncle was going to take him to the movies. Then when he finally got home he was going to play with all the presents he got for Christmas and his birthday.

- Would you be looking forward to this?
- We have something even better to look forward to. Something that is going to be so great that we'll need new bodies to contain all the joy.
- Jesus is coming back for us. Are you ready to go?

John 14: 4-6

Topic: a) Do you know where you're going?

a) Melissa and her family are going to the beach. Melissa started packing the car. She opened the back and put in bags full of bathing suits and towels. She put in bags full of shovels, pails and other toys they could play with. She put in a cooler full of fun things to drink and snack on. She put in blankets for them to lay on and bottles of sun screen. She also put in a little boat you could fill with air and take out on the water.

- Why did she do all these things? (She knew where she was going)

a) Acts 16: 25....Why weren't Paul and Silas crying? (They knew where they were going)

a) Why did Abraham leave his homeland only knowing that God told him to (He knew where he was going)

a) Why did Queen Esther brave going into the king's throne room and possibly getting her head cut off? (She knew where she was going)

a) Why should you be happy even if things around you aren't happy? (Because you know where you're going)

Topic: b) Do you know the way?

b) There is a story about a girl who is walking down a road. The road goes in two different directions. She doesn't know which way to go. There is a cat sitting by the side of the road. The girl asks the cat which way she should go. The cat says, "Where do you want to go?" "I don't know where I want to go" said the girl. "Then it doesn't matter which road you take" said the cat.

- Is what the cat said true? Can two different roads be exactly the same?
- Doesn't one road have to be a little better or a little worse than the other?
- If we don't know what the best thing to do is...Who should we ask? (The one who knows everything)

b) A bunch of kids have to get from here to there. It is a long way from here to there. One girl has a map. She gets there safely and quickly. The other kids take a really, really long time to get there. When they get there and see the girl already there they say, "Hey, how did she get here so fast?!"

- How did she get there so fast?
- The Bible is your map. Your life will never get lost.
- Want to go to heaven? You know the way.

Topic: c) Is there only one way?

c) Exodus 14: 10-14....The Israelites are trapped...the sea in front and a huge army behind. What was really, really the only way to escape? (Only if God did something)

c) There was a boy who wanted to go upstairs. He went outside, climbed up the tree in front of his house and tried to jump into the upstairs window. He missed and fell. Then he tried climbing up the drain spout on the side of the house. It came loose and he fell. Then he tried to pole vault into the upstairs window. He got a running start, stuck his pole in the ground, sailed through the air and hit the side of the house. He then tried parachuting into the upstairs window. He hired a plane, jumped out, pulled the cord, his chute opened and he landed in the tree in front of his house which he of course fell out of. Finally his dad said to him, “Why don’t you just use the stairs?”

- Is this good advice? Why? (Because there’s only one way)
- Want to go to heaven? (There is only one way)

John 14: 7-9

Topic: a) What is God like?

- a) Exodus 19: 16-19....thunder on Mt. Sinai
 a) Luke 18: 15-16....Jesus blesses the children
- Which one is the real God?

- a) Genesis 7: 19-22....God floods the world
 a) John 8: 1-12....Jesus saves a woman caught in sin.
- Which is the real God?
 - Did the same God do both?
 - Why did He flood the world?
 - Why did he save the woman?

John 14: 10

Topic: a) Who does all the work?

- a) There is a vine growing in the garden. It is out in the sun and every day drinks in all the sunlight. Soon a little green tomato appears on the vine. As it stands out in the sun it starts to get big and turns bright red. An asparagus plant saw the tomato and said, “Wow you look great! You really changed!” “Yep” said the tomato, “I did it all myself.”
- Is that true?

- a) Barry bought a car model. He brought it home spread out all the pieces and started to put it together. He worked and worked on the model. When it was all put together, Barry started to paint it. He painted it bright red. It took a really long time to finish. When it was done, Barry stepped back and looked at the car model. “That car looks really good!” said Barry. The car thought, “Yes I do and I did it all myself!”
- Is that true?

a) There was a boy everyone called brat boy. They called him brat boy because he was a boy and he was a brat. One day someone invited brat boy to come to church. At church brat boy heard about Jesus. He heard that Jesus loved him with a love that lasts forever. Brat boy believed in Jesus and started talking to Him and reading his Bible. Soon after someone came up to brat boy and said, “We can’t call you brat boy anymore. You changed!”

- Who did the work?

a) There was a farmer who had some seeds. He put the seeds on a table and asked them if they wanted to become flowers. Some of the seeds said they did want to become flowers and some said they didn’t. The farmer took the seeds that wanted to become flowers and planted them in the ground. Every day the farmer came out and watered the seeds. He made sure that no weeds grew up around the seeds. A little while later where there was once seeds, there were now beautiful flowers.

- God changes those who want to be changed.
- Into what...? (To be more and more like heaven)

John 14: 11

Topic: a) Do you believe?

a) John 20: 24-29...Blessed are those who haven’t seen and yet believe.

a) John 11: 25 *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.*

26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

- Do you?

Topic: b) Why do you believe?

b) There is a boy sitting in his house. His mom comes into the room and says it’s raining outside. The phone rings. The boy answers it. The person on the other end says, “Do you believe it is raining outside?” The boy says “Yes.”

- Why does he believe? (His mom told him)
- Is that a good reason to believe?

b) There is a girl sitting inside her house watching TV. The man on TV says that it is raining outside. The phone rings. She answers it. The person on the other end asks the girl, “Do you believe that it’s raining outside?” The girl says “Yes.”

- Why does she believe? (The TV told her)
- Is that a good reason to believe?

b) There is a boy sitting in his house. His sister says, “I believe it’s raining outside.” His uncle says, “I believe it’s raining outside.” His aunt says, “I believe it’s raining outside.” His grandmother says, “I believe it’s raining outside.” His parrot says, “I believe it’s raining outside.” The phone rings. The boy answers it. The person on the other end asks the boy, “Do you believe it is raining outside?” The boy says, “Yes.”

- Why does he believe? (Because everyone else does)
- Is that a good reason to believe?

b) There is a boy sitting in his house. His father walks into the room and says, “I believe it’s raining outside and if you don’t believe it’s raining outside you are going to be in a lot of trouble! If you don’t believe it’s raining I am going to send you to your room and ground you for a whole month!” The phone rings. The boy answers it. The person on the other end asks the boy, “Do you believe it’s raining outside?” The boy says, “Yes.”

- Why does he believe? (Will get into trouble if he doesn’t)
- Is that a good reason to believe?

b) There is a girl sitting inside her house. Everyone in the house says it’s raining outside. The girl walks outside. It really is raining. She stands in the rain. When she comes in the phone rings. The girl answers it. The person on the other end asks her “Do you believe it is raining outside?” The girl says “Yes.”

- Why does she believe? (Found out for herself)
- Is that a good reason to believe?
- Out of all these reasons to believe...What is the best one?

b) Do you believe in Jesus? Why?

- Someone told you?
- Everyone in church does?
- Get into trouble if you don’t?
- Or have you stood in His love. Do you know in your own heart?

John 14: 12

Topic: a) If you believe in the light...you’re going to shine.

a) It is a very hot day. Jeremy is inside his house sweating. He hears that it is raining outside. He goes outside to see for himself. It is raining. He stands in the rain, gets all wet, cools off and

feels great. He comes inside wet and smiling. His mother says, “Oh dear, our son is all wet!” Dad says, “Well on a hot day like this, if you believe it’s raining you’re going to get wet.”

- Jesus is the light of the world. If you believe in Him, you’re going to change. You will become more and more like Him.
- If you let God pour His love on you...people will see it.
- If you believe in the light...you’re going to shine.

John 14: 13-14

Topic: a) Whatever you ask.

a) 1 Kings 3: 5-10....God gave Solomon a job. Solomon asks for wisdom.

a) Billy is six years old. His birthday is coming soon. There is one thing that Billy wants more than anything else. He wants a shotgun. He would love to take his shotgun and go hunting for wild animals. Or shoot at targets. Billy reads his Bible every day. One day he read where Jesus said that if we ask for anything in His name, He will do it. “Oh boy!” said Billy, “I am going to ask for a shotgun in Jesus name and He will give me one! It says so right here in the Bible!” So Billy prayed for a shotgun and said “In Jesus name Amen.” His birthday came. Billy couldn’t wait to open his presents and take his new shotgun outside and shoot it off. He ran downstairs and saw some presents on the table. His mom and dad wished him Happy Birthday and Billy tore open the presents. He got some clothes, a game, a remote control helicopter but no shotgun. Billy was very disappointed. He said, “I didn’t get my shotgun. The Bible isn’t true!”

- Did Jesus say in the Bible that whatever you ask in My Name I will do?
- Then why didn’t Billy get a shotgun?
- His Name tells us who He is. God is love. He won’t give us anything that will hurt us.

a) Once there was a little girl named Naomi. More than anything in the world she wanted a puppy. She prayed to Jesus and asked God to give her a puppy. Then she got very, very busy with friends and school. Then she got older and went to high school where she got even busier and busier with friends, school and sports. Then she got older and went to college where she got even busier and busier and busier with her studies. Then she got a job and she was really, really busy. She got married and had a family. Now she was the busiest she had ever been in her life. Then she became an old lady. Her children were all grown and moved away. Naomi lived all alone and there wasn’t much for her to do. One day a friend came over and gave her a present. It was a puppy. Naomi was very happy.

- Did God answer her prayer?
- Why did He wait so long? (He waited for the best time for her and the puppy)

a) A little girl went to a pet store and bought a hamster. The pet store person put the hamster in a little box and the girl brought him home. At home she opened the box. The hamster stood up and said, “OK, now I belong to you. There are a few things I’ll be needing. I want a warm place. I want a big cage. I want a whole bunch of newspapers that I can chew up and make a little house out of. I want one of those tube things that I can run in and play. I want a wheel that I can run around in. I want water and some hamster toys to play with. If you give me these things I’ll have everything I need.”

- There is one thing the hamster didn’t ask for that is more important than all the other things. (Food)
- Jesus gives us a lot but the most important thing He gives us is life that lasts forever with God.
- Will you be able to take any of your “stuff” to heaven with you? Why not? (the main reason is because you won’t want it anymore....Why not?)

a) This little girl with the hamster went to an amusement park. The hamster was having a good time walking around eating hot dogs and popcorn. Then the hamster decided to go on the roller coaster. The man taking the tickets said, “You cant come on this ride! You are way too little and besides you’re a hamster. No one is going to want to sit next to a hamster!” The hamster was very disappointed that he couldn’t go on the roller coaster. He found his friend, the girl. He told her that he wanted to go on the roller coaster but they wouldn’t let him. The girl picked him up, put him in her pocket, went over and got on the roller coaster. The hamster peeked out of the girls pocket and had a great time on the ride.

- Nobody who has ever done sins can ever stand before God and talk to Him.
- If you believe in Jesus it’s like you’re hiding in Him. That’s why we pray in Jesus’ name.

John 14: 15

Topic: a) If you love me, keep my commandments.

a) There was once a little bird who fell out of his nest. He hurt his leg and his wing. He was hopping around on the ground trying to walk and fly when a hungry snake slithered out of the grass and moved towards the little bird. The snake opened his mouth. The little bird screamed. The snake was just about to gobble up the little bird when a huge eagle swooped down from the sky. The eagle picked the bird up, put him on his back and soared back into the sky. The snake was mad. The little bird was glad. The eagle carried the little bird on his back. He fed him. He protected him from danger. Soon the little birds wing was healed and he was able to fly. He flew right behind the eagle and never left him. Whatever the eagle asked the little bird to do...he did it gladly.

- Why did the little bird stay with the eagle and obey him? (Because you want to stay with someone who is good)
- What has Jesus done for us?
- Why has He done these things for us?
- Why does He love us?
- If you love me you will obey my commandments.

John 14: 16-17

Topic: a) The Spirit of truth.

a) God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

- These three are one God.

a) There was a television station that had two weathermen. They would both tell people what the weather was going to be like tomorrow and the next day. One of these weathermen was good and the other was evil. The good weatherman always gave the right weather forecast. He would tell the people exactly what the weather was going to be like. If it was going to be sunny, he would tell them. If it was going to rain, he would tell them it was going to rain. The evil weatherman always gave the wrong weather forecast on purpose. If it was going to rain he would tell the people that it was going to be sunny. If it was going to be sunny, he would tell the people that it was going to rain. The people who listened to the good weather man knew what the weather was going to be. They were safe and prepared for any bad weather. If a storm came, they would be ready. The people who listened to the evil weatherman missed out on a lot of fun. They got wet in the rain and some of them were even blown away by a hurricane because they weren't ready.

- Why was the good weatherman good?
- Why was the evil weatherman bad?
- God, the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth.
- God wants you to fly. Satan wants you to jump off a cliff. The dangerous thing is that he can make jumping off a cliff look and feel like flying (for a moment).
- "Lord, help us to know the truth."

John 14: 18

Topic: a) Some day it's going to happen.

a) Ellen's teacher told the class that there was going to be a Math test tomorrow. The teacher told the kids to bring their books home, study their notes and do some practice problems. She told them that if they did these things they would be able to pass tomorrow's test. After school Ellen brought her books home, she studied her notes and did the practice problems.

- Why did Ellen do these things? (She was sure tomorrow would come)
- There is something we can be even more sure of. (Jesus' return)

a) When Jesus comes back you are going to be one of four things...

- Surprised (Gee, I didn't think it was really going to happen)
- Ashamed (I have loved badness)
- Scared (what will happen to me?)
- Or flying for joy.

Topic: b) You are never abandoned.

b) What does abandoned mean?

b) There was a man who had a car. It was a good car. It started every morning and took the man wherever he wanted to go. Then one day the car wouldn't start. The man got it fixed but the car kept breaking down. The man got sick of trying to start the car so he took it to a junk yard and abandoned it. The car sat in the junk yard, abandoned and rusting.

- Will Jesus ever abandon you?
- "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

John 14: 19

Topic: a) Because I live.

a) There is a vine growing out of the ground. It is tall and strong. Its roots dig deep into the earth. It is able to get plenty of water and food from the ground. It grows tall and soon it is growing other things. A small green ball appeared on the vine one day. This green ball got bigger and bigger. Soon it became red. It continued to grow. After a while it was so big and so red that people came just to look at it. What do you think this big, red, round thing was?

- Why was the tomato able to live and grow? (Because of the vine)
- We live because of Jesus.

a) Once there was a mole. Now moles live underground. They spend their whole lives digging tunnels underground in the dark. There was one little mole who really thought there had to be something more than just digging tunnels in the dark. One day the little mole was talking to an old mole and told him that he thought there had to be more to life. The old mole took the little

mole by the hand and led him up a tunnel. The tunnel came out above ground. The little mole stepped outside. The sunlight was blinding. He looked around at all the things in the light that he had never seen before. He smelled all the smells he had never smelled before. It was the most beautiful day of his life.

- Why did the mole get to experience the sunshine?
- We live and will see and live forever in heaven because of Jesus.

John 14: 20

Topic: a) Have we found out He is real?

a) One day Mary was telling her friends about her uncle. Her uncle lives in California. Mary has never seen him but she talks to him on the phone. One of the kids said, “I don’t believe you have an uncle, Mary. I’ve never seen him. Are you sure you have an uncle?” “I know I do” said Mary.

- How does Mary know that she really does have an uncle? (She talks to him)
- In quiet times do you talk to Jesus?
- Do you know in your heart that he’s there and listening?

a) Daniel climbed a tree. He got pretty far up when he put his foot on a branch and the branch broke. Daniel was able to grab hold of the branch above him and hang there. He was pretty high up and knew that if he fell and hit the sidewalk it was really going to hurt. Suddenly he heard a voice from below, “Let go and I’ll catch you!” Daniel couldn’t see anyone all he could hear was the voice. He wondered if that person was really there. He wondered if he would really catch him. His grip on the limb was starting to weaken so Daniel let go. He felt himself dropping through the air. The next thing he knew he was lying in the arms of the man who said he would catch him. Daniel said thank you and was glad that he had believed him.

- How did Daniel find out that the man was real and would catch him? (He heard, believed and trusted)
- When you have a problem do you pray and trust? If you do you will find out that He is real.

a) 1 Kings 19: 1-13....a small still voice. Gods voice is different from anything else. Pray that you will have a heart to hear.

a) Samantha was outside having a good time. It was after supper and it was dark. Samantha and her friends were playing hide and go seek with flashlights. They were having a lot, a lot of fun. Then Samantha’s mother called for her to come in and get ready for bed. Samantha obeyed. She

took a bath and got her pajamas on. Her mom prayed with her, kissed her goodnight, turned out the light and shut the door. Samantha was lying there in the dark. Instead of being sad in the dark because she had to go to bed, Samantha lay in her bed with a big smile on her face. As she lie there in the quiet dark it was just her and Jesus. She talked to Him and listened to Him in her heart. This was the best time of the day. This was the time she knew that Jesus is real and alive.

John 14: 21-24

Topic: a) ‘It is he who loves me.’”

a) There was a baseball team. The coach got all the players together and told them that if they wanted to play on this team they were going to have to be fast. So the coach told the players to start running faster and faster. Some of the kids ran as fast as they could. Some of the kids didn’t run fast at all and they stopped to rest a lot.

- Who really wants to play on the team?
- How can you tell if someone really loves Jesus? (They want to obey Him)

Topic: b) Those who want to know Him...will.

b) Its Math class. The teacher puts a real hard problem on the board and none of the kids can solve it. Finally the teacher says, “OK, listen up and I’ll show you how to solve this problem.” The teacher starts writing on the board and tells the kids how to get the answer to the hard problem. Some of the kids listen. Some of the kids are goofing around while the teacher is talking.

- Will some of the kids know how to get the answer? Why? (Because they wanted to know)
- Will some not know the answer? Why not? (Because they really didn’t want to know)
- Those who want to know God...will. Those who don’t really care...won’t.

Topic: c) How close does God want you to be to Him?

c) Martha has a hamster. Martha loves the hamster. She even kisses it! The hamster loves to be with Martha too. One day Martha thought it would be nice if she and her hamster could be close all the time. So Martha got some glue, put it all over her shoulder and stuck the hamster in it. Now with the hamster glued to her, they could be close all the time.

- Does God want you to be this close to Him? (Even closer)

Topic: d) If you love...you will want to hear.

d) Tim has a favorite TV show. It comes on at seven o'clock. No matter what Tim is doing, whenever he hears the music to his favorite TV show, he runs in, sits in front of the TV and watches. He could be doing something that is really, really fun but when his show is on he drops everything and runs for the television.

- Why does he do this?

d) Shannon's mom plays the piano. There is one song that she plays that is Shannon's favorite song. Whenever she hears her mom playing that song, she stops whatever she is doing, runs in and listens. Even if she is upstairs in her room having a good time playing with her friends...if she hears her mom playing that song, she drops everything and runs downstairs to listen.

- Why does she do this?

d) Peter reads his Bible every morning. He gets up, grabs something for breakfast, sits down in the big chair where he's alone and it's quiet and reads his Bible. Nobody makes him do this and he wouldn't think of starting his day without spending that time with the Lord. Even if his friends are outside playing and calling to him...he won't come out until he fills up on the truth.

- Why does he do this?

John 14: 25-26

Topic: a) Who does the teaching?

a) Matthew 16: 16 *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

a) Anthony walked into a classroom in school. On the board he saw some weird writing. It didn't look like anything Anthony had ever seen before. He stared at the board trying to figure out what the writing was. The teacher came in. The teacher told him that this was a Spanish language class and that the writing on the board was Spanish. The teacher read it for Anthony and told him what it meant.

- We read the Bible. It's God the Holy Spirit who tells us what it means.
- We should pray..."Holy Spirit please teach me the truth."

John 14: 27

Topic: a) What is peace?

a) There is a sea. All you can see for as far as you can see is water. Some days the sea is stormy. The winds are raging, the waves are huge and the thunder and lightning is loud. Other days the sea is calm. The water is still and quiet. The sky is blue and the sun is shining.

- Some people are like this on the inside. Some have peace and some don't.

Topic: b) What kind of peace?

b) Sarah lives in a perfect place. The temperature is always around seventy degrees. The sky is always blue. The sun is always shining. The water is always warm. There are no scary storms ever.

- Is it stormy on the outside or peaceful?
- Do you think Sarah is stormy on the inside or peaceful?

b) Mandy lives in a country where there is a war going on. There are people shooting at each other, bombs dropping and explosions going off every day. Sometimes it's so dangerous that Mandy can't even go outside. It is very stormy all around her. Yet inside, Mandy is like that calm sea. Even though outside everything is stormy, Mandy has peace on the inside.

- Which of the girls has the greater peace...Sarah or Mandy? Why?
- That's the kind of peace Jesus gives.
- We get this peace by praying when storms come and trusting and knowing that Jesus loves us and will take care of us.

Topic: c) Why not be afraid?

c) Peter believes in Jesus. One day he was sitting in the house with nothing to do. He was looking for things to do when he saw a big jar of glue on the shelf. He thought it might be fun to glue his feet to the floor. He poured the glue on the floor and stepped in it. He stood there for a few minutes and then tried to move his feet. He couldn't even lift them off the ground. He was stuck! Just then a news report came over the television..." A huge meteor has entered the earth's atmosphere! It is as big as a truck. It appears to be heading directly at Peter's house!" People stopped in front of Peter's house and yelled, "Peter, you should be really afraid!"

- Are there any reasons he should be afraid?
- Are there any reasons he shouldn't be afraid?
- We get afraid because we don't know what will happen.
- God knows and He is stronger than anything and He loves you.
- Riddle: What is the worst thing that could happen to Peter that is also the best thing?

John 14: 28

Topic: a) Wanting the best for people

a) One day the teacher told the class that the person who gets the best grade on tomorrow's Math test would win a special prize. All the kids went home and studied real hard. They wanted to get

a good mark and they also wanted to win the prize. The next day they took the test. Mark got one hundred percent. He didn't even get one wrong. He won the prize. It was a squirt gun that could squirt all the way across the room. One girl named Mandi, when she saw Mark get the prize got very angry because she wanted to win it. She got so mad that she started crying. Another girl named Shannon, even though she wanted to win the prize...when she saw Mark smiling with his new squirt gun, she smiled too. She was happy to see Mark happy.

- Which girl has a heart like Jesus?

a) Edward likes to jump off the roof. He had done it before and broke his ankle. His dad told him never to go up on the roof again. One day Edward was outside. He looked up at the roof and thought, "This would be a good day to jump off the roof." He went upstairs, climbed out a window and stood at the edge of the roof. Just then his father was pulling into the driveway in his car. He saw Edward up on the roof. He jumped out of his car and yelled at Edward to get down. Edwards father told Edward that he was to stay in his room the rest of the day. He was grounded for the weekend and had to write a three page letter explaining why people should not jump off roofs. He then took all Edwards video games away and sent him to his room.

- Why did Edwards father correct him? (Because if you love someone, you want the best for them.)

Topic: b) Are you looking forward to heaven?

b) Lizzy loves chocolate pie. She loves chocolate pie more than anything. She would eat it every day if her mom let her. One morning her mom told her that she would make her a chocolate pie for supper. Lizzy was so happy! She couldn't wait till supper time. Lizzy went to school. She didn't have a very good day. She got into trouble for talking in class. She fell in the hall and dropped all her books. She forgot her lunch. She couldn't find her homework and at the end of the day, she missed her bus. Lizzy walked home with a smile on her face.

- Why was she smiling after having such a bad day. (Because what she was looking forward to was greater than the sadness)
- No matter how many storms we go through or how sad we get...We have the best thing in the whole universe to look forward to.

John 14: 29

Topic: a) Do you want to know how the world will end?

a) We are here in 2012

- Sometime Jesus will come back for us. We will zoom out of here and be with Him.
- One earth things are going to get worse and worse as people get farther and farther away from God.
- There is a man who will take over the world. Everyone will think he is the greatest but he really is working for Satan to take people away from God.

- Then there will be the most terrible time that has ever been or ever will be. It's called the Tribulation period.
- Jesus will come back to earth. He will be king over the whole earth. It will be the best time the earth has ever seen. We will be there to see it.
- After a thousand years God will make a new heaven and a new earth. This time is going to be so wonderful that we can't even imagine what it will be like. This time will last forever and every day will be better than the one before it. If you believe in Jesus, you will be there.

Topic: b) How does God know what is going to happen?

b) There is a man who has the longest arms in the world. They are ten miles long. There is a candy store ten miles away. The man reaches out his long arms and buys a bag of candy. He tells his friend that candy is coming. His friend says, "How do you know? I don't see any candy!"

- How does he know? (Because he's making it happen)
- God makes things happen so He knows what is going to happen.

John 14: 30-31

Topic: a) Did Jesus go to the cross because He was weak or because He was strong?

a) There was a monkey whose best friend was a lion. Some hunters came to the jungle to catch animals. They put nets in trees to drop onto the animals and capture them. One day the monkey was walking under a tree that had a net trap. The lion saw it and yelled at the monkey but the monkey didn't pay any attention. The net came down and caught the monkey. The hunters took the monkey and put him in a cage. The lion wanted to save the monkey so he walked under the net trap. The net came down on the lion. The lion could have ripped it to shreds but instead he let the hunters throw him into the cage with the monkey. Then the lion with a mighty roar, bent the bars in the cage. The monkey jumped on the lion's back and they were both free.

- Were the hunters able to take the lion because he was weak?
- Why were they able to take him?
- Could the cage hold him?
- Did Jesus go to the cross because He was weak?
- Then why did He go?
- Could death hold Him?

- Can death hold us? Why not?

Topic: b) Did God want to save us?

b) Dad told Marvin not to go near the mud hole. Suddenly dad hears Marvin yelling for help. He looks out the window and sees Marvin stuck in the mud hole. Dad comes out, stands over the mud hole and yells at Marvin..."I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO NEAR THAT MUD HOLE!! NOW I HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND GET ALL DIRTY TO SAVE YOU!! WHEN I GET YOU OUT OF THERE YOU ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!!!

- Is that how God is?
- He wants to save you. Do you want to be saved? Then you are. He has saved you.